

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

101 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Dorchester

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Robert W. Christian

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

101 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21613

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dorchester County Courthouse

Liber #: 166

Folio #: 338

STREET & NUMBER

206 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland 21613

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

___EXCELLENT

☒GOOD

___FAIR

___DETERIORATED

___RUINS

___UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

___UNALTERED

☒ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ORIGINAL SITE

___MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Although built in 1797 this frame house retains little of its original appearance, having been extensively renovated and added onto in the rear. Original siding and sash have been replaced, and almost all of the original woodwork has been removed from the interior. It is said to have been built as a one and one half story house because of the tax laws which taxed property by the number of stories. It was apparently a fairly simple house, as the surviving fireplace mantels are not elaborate.

Today the house is basically a small L-shaped dwelling with a gabled roof, a perch across the front supported by rectangular columns, and a large 2 story frame wing on the rear.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1797

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

History:

This lot on the corner of High and Water Streets, after the acquisition of title by William Murray of all of the land from the Christ Church ground to the Choptank River, passed to Dr. John Murray, his son. In April 1797, Dr. Murray sold to Levin H. Campbell the property from the corner of Water Street up to the present Rectory lot, and stretching back to the other side of Mill Street for \$500. Probably there were no improvements on the property at this time. In November 1797, Levin H. Campbell sold the above corner property (less part of it on Mill Street) to Aaron Mitchell for \$1000, the price indicating that Campbell had erected a dwelling on the property since his purchase the previous April. The house was much enlarged while in possession of the Mitchell's. When Aaron Mitchell died the property passed into the ownership of his son, Sadrach. Upon his death, the property was sold by Trustees to E.C. Laird in December 1853. In January 1865, Mrs. Laird sold the property to Edward Thomas, who died in the following year. In 1884, under a commission to divide and value Edward Thomas's lands, Capt. William J. Thomas, his son, took this lot at a valuation and the same was conveyed to him by the commissioners in February 1884. Captain Thomas divided the old house on the corner into several dwellings, leaving this one on the corner as before, and erected his own dwelling (103 High St.) on the upper portion of the lot where the office of Captain Sadrach Mitchell once stood.

Significance:

Although built in the 18th century this house has been renovated extensively and contains little original material. It was, however, one of the earlier houses to have been built on High Street.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Col. Clement Sullivane, article reprinted in the DailyBanner, April 23, 1925

Mrs. Robert W. Christian

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This lot on the corner of High and Water Streets, after the acquisition of the lot by an alleyway of all the land from the United Church grounds to a Christian River, passed to Dr. John Murray, his son, in 1927. Dr. Murray sold to Edwin H. Campbell the property from the corner of Water Street up to the present Rectory lot, and everything back to the other side of Mill Street for \$200.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Catherine L. Moore

ORGANIZATION

DATE

6/22/76

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Route 3, Box 32

STATE

Cambridge

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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101 HIGH STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND

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The earliest portion of this house dates from the year 1797, but the building has been expanded and remodeled so much that the character of the older structure has been completely altered. In April 1797 Levin H. Cambell bought a large lot on the lower end of High Street from Dr. John Murray for one hundred pounds. In November 1797, Campbell sold part of the land, including the present lot and part of 103 High Street, to Aaron Mitchell for two hundred pounds, indicating that a house had been constructed on the lot since April. Mitchell willed the property to his son Captain Shadrack Mitchell. The latter died in 1852, and his widow sold the lot. In 1865, Edward Thomas purchased the house and the property remained in the possession of his descendants until 1937. The present lot was separated from the portion of 103 High Street in 1907.

Sources:

Keep Cathe Moore's sources and add the following:

Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland

Court Records.

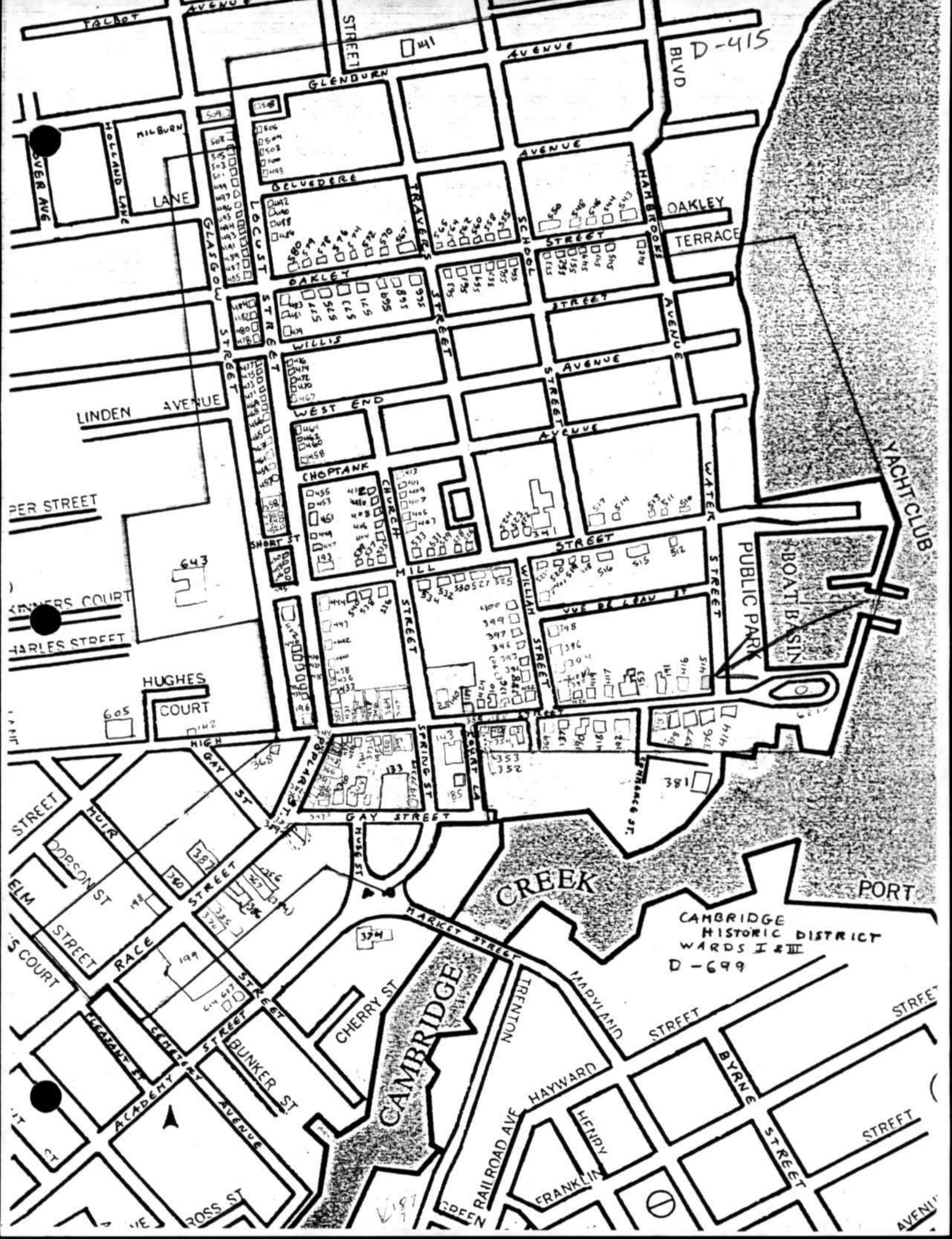
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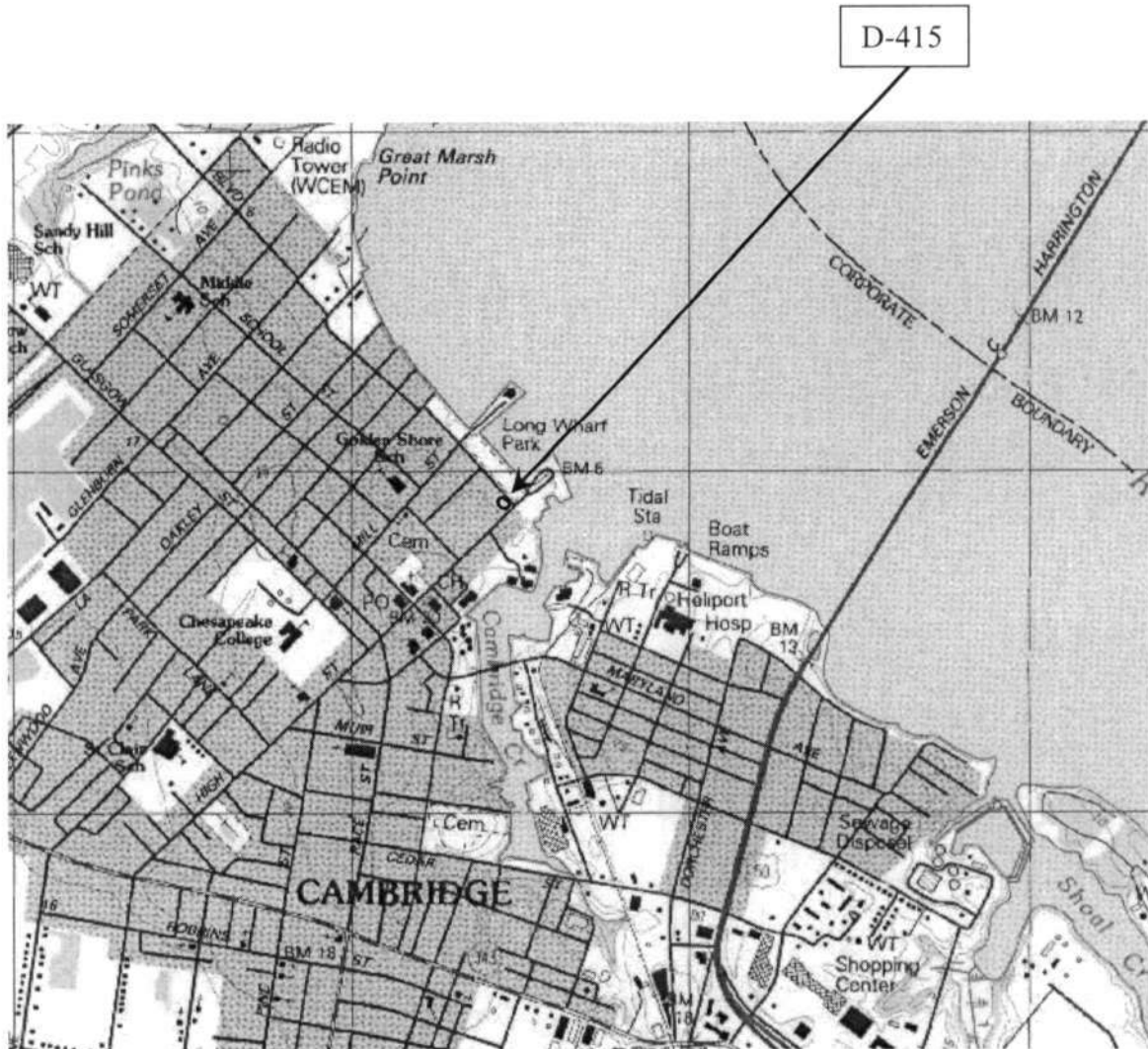
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Cambridge
Cambridge Quad.
Dorchester Co.





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JOB # 52325 FOCUS 50
DENSITY 11 X 2.05



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